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SUBJECT: ELECTION INSPECTOR SHAHAM'S INTEREST IN OBSERVING
UNITED STATES ELECTIONS
REF: HIRSCH-STERNBERG TELECON OF JULY 8

1. CONFIRMING A LETTER DATED JUNE 25 FROM NEA/IAI VUNOVIC
TO JIM DEAN, FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION DID NOT, REPEAT
NOT, PROMISE TO ISSUE OFFICIAL INVITATION TO DR. MEIR
SHAHAM, ISRAELI NATIONAL INSPECTOR FOR ELECTIONS, TO
OBSERVE UNITED STATES 1976 ELECTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO
SHAHAM'S REQUEST FOR SUCH AN INVITATION, COMMISSIONER
NEIL STAEBLER SENT SHAHAM A LETTER DATED JULY 8 WHICH
READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

2. "OUR NATIONAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND OF
NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. SHOULD YOUR BUDGET, AND SCHEDULE
PERMIT, YOU MIGHT, AS YOU SUGGESTED, FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS
TO OBSERVE ASPECTS FROM SOME LOCAL VANTAGE POINT. SINCE
THE COMMISSION HAS NO DIRECT AUTHORITY OR RESPONSIBILITY
FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS, SUCH A VISIT WOULD, OF COURSE,
BE UNOFFICIAL. WE ARE PREPARED, HOWEVER TO ASSIST YOU IN
MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH A LOCAL JURISDICTION.

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3. AS TO THE FUNDING YOU REQUESTED, THE COMMISSION HAS NO

PROGRAM THROUGH WHICH SUCH VISITS MIGHT BE SUPPORTED.
MOREOVER, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INFORMS US THAT THERE
IS NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIS ENTERPRISE AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT."

4. FEC OFFICIALS ARE PUZZLED AND MILDLY ANNOYED AT
DR. SHAHAM'S MISINTERPRETATION OF STAEBLER'S DISCUSSIONS
WITH HIM DURING HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT. FEC IS
TRANSMITTING MEMORANDUM ON SUBJECT AND FULL TEXT OF
STAEBLER LETTER TO SHAHAM TO NEA/IAI WHICH WILL BE POUCHED
TO EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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